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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method of achieving a permanent stone-wash effect on a textile fabric prepared by interweaving a warp yarn and a weft yarn fibre material, in which the warp yarn is impregnated with a naphthalate and then interwoven with natural white cotton yarn, a colour is then developed on the fabric with the addition of a diazo salt, and the dyed fabric is after-treated with a stone-wash finish fibre material, in which the textile fibre material is dyed with a naphthalate dye and the dyed textile fibre material is then after-treated with a stone-wash finish.
2. (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, in which the textile fibre material is a cellulosic fibre material.
3. (previously presented): A method according to claim 2, in which denim is used.
4. (cancelled):
5. (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, in which a cotton warp yarn is impregnated with a naphthalate and then interwoven with natural white cotton yarn, a colour is then developed on the fabric with the addition of a diazo salt, the dyed fabric is made up and the made-up article is then after-treated with a stone-wash finish.
6. (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, in which a cotton warp yarn is impregnated with a naphthalate during a sizing treatment and then interwoven with natural white cotton yarn, a colour is then developed on the fabric with the addition of a diazo salt, the dyed fabric is made up and the made-up article is then after-treated with a stone-wash finish.

7. (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which the stone-wash finish is achieved during washing with stones or sand.

8. (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which the stone-wash finish is produced by enzymatic after-treatment.

9. (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, in which, following the stone-wash finish, a further dye is applied to the dyed and after-treated fabric.

10. (original): A method according to claim 9, in which the application of colour is effected by dyeing or spraying.

11. (previously presented): A method according to claim 9, in which the application of colour yields a colour shade that is different from the base colour obtained with the naphthol dye.

12. (canceled).

13. (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, in which the textile ~~fabrics~~ material is cotton.